Environmental clearance for DDA projects for Commonwealth Games

390. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has asked for exemption in environment clearance for big ticket projects concerning 2010 Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the decision taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to tackle the situation if it accedes to DDA's request and ecology hazards are noticed after the Games are over?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests had circulated a draft notification dated 15.9.2005 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding scope of projects and procedure for obtaining Environment Clearance. This Ministry has forwarded its comments on the proposed draft notification after considering the views of DDA in the matter. Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has now informed that it has appointed Consultants to obtain environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of NCT of Delhi for the Commonwealth Games projects proposed to be undertaken by DDA.

Banquet Halls/Community Centres etc. in Delhi

391. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of authorized banquet hall, local bodies community centres, parks etc. available for marriage ceremonies and other social activities in the National Capital of India and the average number of marriages and social functions taking place in a month and during peak season;